

James H. Truitt House
Willards
Private

One of the most distinctive dwellings to stand along Main Street is the two-and-a-half story, part brick, part frame dwelling historically identified as the James H. Truitt, and known alternately as the June Webb house. Situated at the corner of Main and Market streets, the house was erected around 1922 in mixed materials. A tile-like brick was used on the first story, while a rusticated brick was employed in the exterior chimney on the south gable end of the tee wing. The two-and-a-half story dwelling was designed with an extended eave featuring triangular stick brackets that trim the perimeter of the main block as well as the two-and-a-half story wing to the south.

The mixture of brick and frame materials between stories is unusual for early twentieth century dwellings in Wicomico County, however the stick brackets that underpin the extended eave are typical of the bungalow style dwellings that populate town and farm locations throughout eastern Wicomico County. The stick brackets and the rustic, rough-edged brick used in the exterior chimney are architectural finishes common to the craftsman-style approach that influenced bungalow design during the first quarter of the twentieth century.

Construction of this distinctive bungalow influenced dwelling took place during the ownership of James H. Truitt, who purchased this corner lot in May 1922 and took out a \$3,000 mortgage on the property the following month. James H. Truitt and his wife, Ruth Williams Truitt, maintained ownership until 1928 when the couple relocated to Prince Georges County. Between 1928 and 1945 the Truitt house was occupied by Addie D. and Noah T. Rayne, who retained title to the house and lot until they transferred the property to Valentia D. and Beatrice Truitt. Beatrice Truitt retained a life estate in the house and lot until 1977 when it was conveyed to June Anne Webb.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-508

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic James H. Truitt House

other June Webb House

2. Location

street and number 7425 Main Street

not for publication

city, town Willards

vicinity

county Wicomico

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name June Anne Webb

street and number P. O. Box 31

telephone

city, town Willards

state

MD

zip code 21874

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court

tax map and parcel Map 600, P. 418

city, town Salisbury, Maryland

liber 1621

folio 532

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District

Contributing Resource in Local Historic District

Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Recorded by HABS/HAER

Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT

Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
district	public	agriculture	landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	commerce/trade	recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	buildings
structure	both	defense	religion		sites
site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	social		structures
object		education	transportation	<u>1</u>	objects
		funerary	work in progress		Total
		government	unknown		
		health care	vacant/not in use		
		industry	other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

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7. Description**Condition**

	excellent	deteriorated
<u>x</u>	good	ruins
	fair	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The James H. Truitt house, also and more commonly known as the June Webb house, stands at 7425 Main Street in the center of Willards, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, part brick, part frame house is located on a lot that borders Main and Davis streets, and the house faces west with the principal roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1922, the two-and-a-half story, tee-shaped part brick, part frame house is supported on a raised brick foundation with a partially excavated cellar. The brick rises to the height of the top of the first story, while asbestos shingles cover the second story and attic. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The two-and-a-half story, two-bay, gable-front main block extends to the south with a slightly shorter two-and-a-half story tee wing.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a partially glazed front door framed by three-light sidelights and a seven-light transom. The front door is flanked on the right (south) with a set of paired six-over-one sash windows. The first floor is sheltered by a shed roof porch supported on shingled posts, and a shallow pitched cross gable marks the entrance bay. The second story is lighted by two sets of paired six-over-one sash windows, and the gable end is pierced by a smaller set of paired six-over-one sash windows. Distinguishing the edge of the roof is an extended eave supported on triangular shaped stick brackets.

Attached to the south side of the main block is a shorter two-and-a-half story tee-wing that boasts an exterior rusticated brick stack that rises against the south gable end. Paired sets of six-over-one sash windows light the first and second stories from the west, and a gable roofed dormer featuring four-pane windows and stick eave brackets is situated on the west slope of the roof.

The north elevation along Davis Street is an asymmetrical facade with a assortment of paired or single six-over-one sash windows lighting the first and second floors. There is an exterior, partially glazed door at grade level.

The interior was not seen.

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy
<u>1800-1899</u>	<u>X</u> architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
<u>X</u> 1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion
2000-	commerce	ethnic heritage	law	science
	communications	exploration/ settlement	literature	social history
	community planning		maritime history	<u> </u> transportation
	conservation		military	other:

Significance dates**Architect****Specific dates****Builder**

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register☐ Maryland Register☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The mixture of brick and frame materials between stories is unusual for early twentieth century dwelling in Wicomico County, however the stick brackets that underpin the extended eave are typical of the bungalow style houses that populate town and farm locations throughout eastern Wicomico County. The stick brackets and the rustic, rough-edged brick used in the exterior chimney are architectural finishes common to the craftsman-style approach that influenced bungalow design during the first quarter of the twentieth century.

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¹ Wicomico County Land Records, JCK 126/499, 29 May 1922, and JCK 127/399, 21 June 1922.

² Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 273/355, 28 December 1945.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, AJS 879/97, 8 July 1977.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed 1/2 acre

Quadrangle name Whaleyville, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary established for property coincides with the metes and bounds of the current lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

date 10/26/00

city or town Westover, Maryland 21871

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James H. Truitt House
7425 Main Street
Willards, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 600, Parcel 418

1621/532 Elwood Webb
 June Anne Webb

to

6/17/1998 June Anne Webb

AJS 1048/318 June Anne Webb, Personal Representative of Estate of
 Beatrice M. Truitt and June Anne Webb

to

10/8/1985 Elwood Webb
 June Anne Webb
 Whereas Beatrice M. Truitt reserved a life estate, AJS 879/97

AJS 879/97 Beatrice M. Truitt

to

7/8/1977 June Anne Webb

JWTS 273/355 Addie D. Rayne
 Noah T. Rayne

to

12/28/1945 Valentia D. Truitt
 Beatrice M. Truitt
 (the said Valentia D. Truitt died on or about 2/2/1957)

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Chain of title continued

IDT 157/405

James H. Truitt

Ruth Williams Truitt, Prince Georges County, Maryland

to

10/13/1928

Addie D. Rayne

whereas Addie D. Rayne pays unto William Gilliss a mortgage
he holds for \$3,000, 6/12/1922, JCK 127/399, to James H.
Truitt and Ruth Williams Truitt

JCK 126/499

Esther M. Dennis

Benjamin F. Dennis

to

5/29/1922

James H. Truitt

JCK 117/597

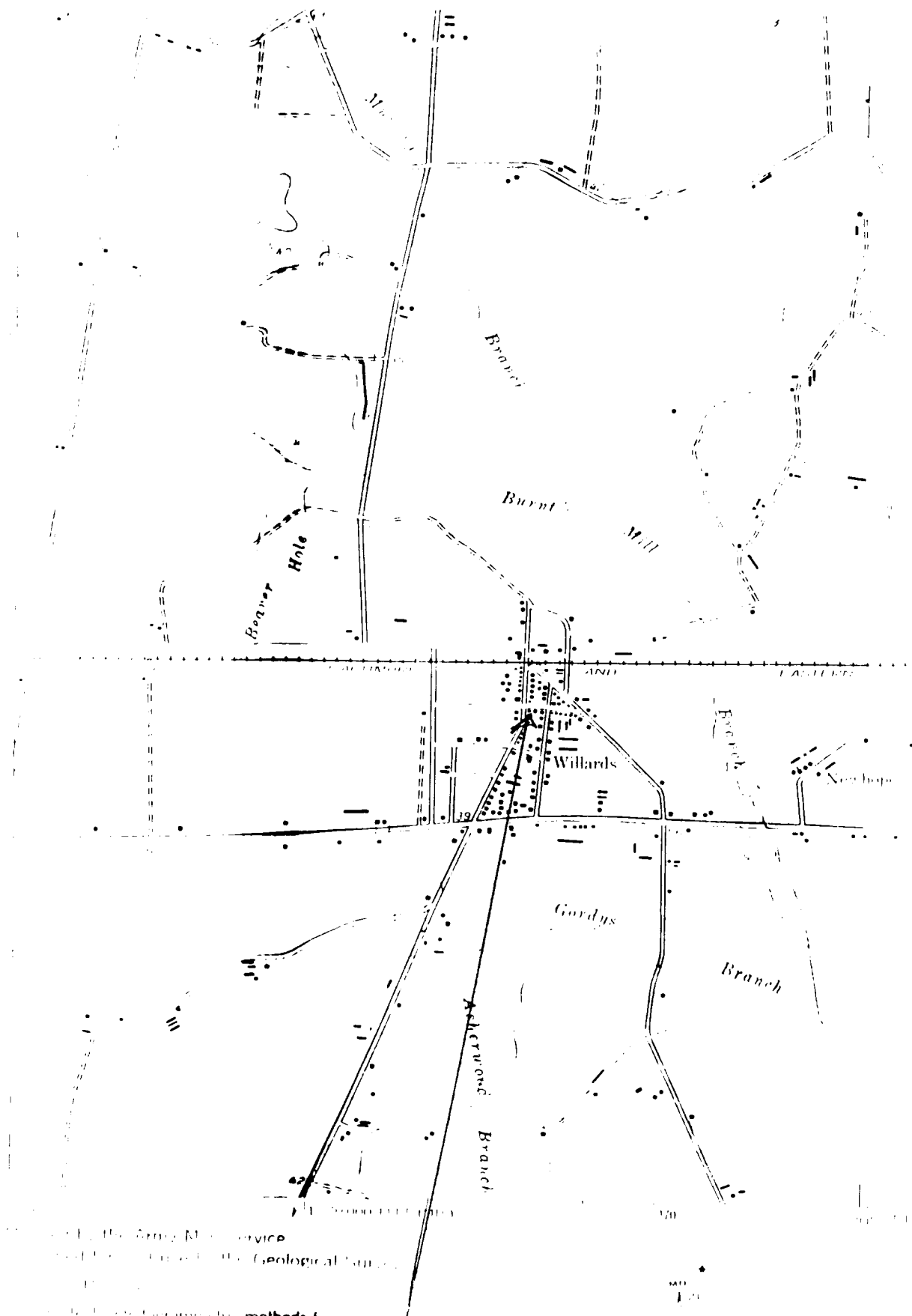
George W. Truitt

Elizabeth Truitt

to

5/12/1919

Esther M. Davis Dennis



U.S. Army Map Service
 Geological Survey

Methods from
 1942
 North American
 Maryland
 Mercator

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 7425 Main Street

Whaleyville, Maryland Quadrangle
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